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From the Evening Poſt, July 6.

Since our laſt arrived one Mail from Holland, and one from France.

Bruſſels, July 8.

TWO Days ago the Marquis de Prie, repaired with great Pomp and Solemnity, to the Aſſembly of the States of Brabant; to whom his Excellency imparted the Act of Succeſſionof the Imperial Hereditary Netherlands, as ſettled by his Imperial Majeſty, who deſires that if he ſhould die without Iſſue-male, the ſaid Inheritance may fall to the Archduchesſes his Daughters; which at his Imperial Majeſty's Requeſts may be approv'd and confirm'd by the States of this Province. Accordingly they took it Yeſterday into Conſideration, and are to come to a Reſolution this Day. The ſaid Act is to be ſent to all the other Provinces for the Approbation of the Repreſentatives. 'Tis ſaid the Marquis de Prie will carry it himſelf to that of Flanders but will Commiſſion the Governours of the other Provinces, to preſent the ſame to the States thereof.

Bruſſels, July 12. Laſt Tueſday the States of Brabant aſſembled again, and came to the following Reſolution, concerning the Act of Succeſſion propoſed to them, on the Part of the Emperor, by the Marquis de Prie, viz. That the States of this Province conſiſting of the Clergy and Nobility, approve of and agree to the ſaid Act of Succeſſion, provided the Cities and Commons ſhall think fit to concurr with them. This Reſolution has ſince been ſent to the ſeveral Cities, as ſoon as their Opinions on it are reported. An Act of Approbation will be drawn up in Form, and preſented to the Marquis de Prie.

Hamburg, July 9. Letters from Stockholm adviſe, That a Report, was ſpread there, that the States of that Kingdom had come to a Reſolution, to give the Czar the Title of Emperor of Ruſſia: But with this Reſolution, that the King of Sweden ſhall have the Precedence before him; and that they have alſo granted the Title of Royal Highneſs to the Duke of Holſtein.

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Continuation of the Biſhop of Rocheſter's Speech.

Hath nothing been open'd to you concerning this Man's Character, and his ſecret Tranſactions? Is it poſſible to believe, this Pretender to Secrecy could have had, or ſhall he ſtill have any Degree of Weight, that threw away his Life, rather than venture to ſtand to the Truth of what he had ſaid before his Death and then he could have been contradicted, or Pangs of Conſcience might have made him unſay what he had ſaid; but a dead Man can retract nothing; what he hath writ he hath writ? the Accuſation muſt ſtand juſt as it did, as far as it concerns him; and we are depriv'd of the Advantage, which Truth and Remorſe once extorted, and would have again extorted from him; however, I would have been glad to have had all that ever this Wretch ſaid, and would hope, that by comparing of the ſeveral Stories, which he ſeveral Times told, ſome Light might be gain'd, which is now wanted: ——Particularly by the Knowledge of what he ſaid freely and voluntarily, when he was in good Humour, and before his rough Uſage, on his Return from *Rome*, had frightned him; but I think we have the Evidence only of a few of the laſt Days of his Life, all the preceeding Time is Blank; yet himſelf, he underwent frequent Examinations, but they were not, it ſeems, ſo maturely weighed and digeſted, as to be thought worth the committing to Writing; but he is gone to his Place, and hath anſwer'd for what he hath ſaid at another Tribunal. I deſire not to diſturb his Aſhes, farther than what is neceſſary for my Defence.

Your Lordſhips will obſerve firſt, the Inconſiſtency of ſome Part of the Charge. Secondly, the Improbability of it. The Report takes Notice of three ſeveral Periods, or Stages of Time, that by Conſequence of ſome Memorials from the Regent, it did not take place; the firſt was, during the Election; the ſecond was, the King's going to *Hanover*; and the third was, the breaking up of the Camp: There's no Hint as to the laſt of theſe three Deſigns, in any of his Papers, and in the Recital of the Bill, it is mentioned as the third Part of the Plot, and the moſt deteſtable Part of the Deſign, to lay violent Hands on his Majeſty and his Family.

There is not the leaſt Colour of Proof, as to the firſt Part of the Conſpiracy, which was to take place at the Election; their only Reaſon for that, is from a Paſſage, where it is ſaid, the preſent Opportunity is elapſed, that is, the Opportunity of the Election.

I ſhall recite the intercepted Paſſage, as it lies there, and make ſome Reflections on it: *Notwithſtanding the Opportunity is elaps'd* (ſays the Writer to *Jackſon*) *I agree with you, another may happen before the End of the Year, tho' not perhaps every Way ſo favourable.*

The Committee ſuppoſe this Letter to be from Mr. *Kelly*, and dictated by me, and they ſuppoſe the Words to refer to Time; and from theſe Suppoſitions infer, that I knew ſomething of it. On the contrary, I ſhall, on the two firſt Suppoſitions, ſhew the Impoſſibility of it: If this was a Letter from me, or from any other Perſon, dictated by me to the *Pretender*, I muſt write as in Anſwer to ſome Letter ſent from them to me, in repeting the Expreſſion; and his Opinion in the Letter muſt have been founded on Intelligence before received: This Intelligence, conſidering the Diſtance between *London* and *Rome*, muſt have been communicated two Months, if not longer, before the Date of this Letter; if we go back Two Months, and talk of the Election being elaps'd, it was not begun; conſequently, that Opportunity in the Letter could not poſſibly mean the Time of the Election; and if ſo, it is impoſſible that it ſhould be a Letter from the *Pretender*, that can conſiſt with the Charge of the Perſon's writing in *April* 1720.

If it be a Letter writ in good Earneſt, it appears they had given over all Thoughts at that Time; *I agree with you*, ſays he, *another may offer before the End of the Year*: And yet he finds ſome Words, in a Letter writ Ten Days after, wherein, under the Name of *Jones*, I am made to be deeply concerned in a Conſpiracy.

[*This to be Continued.*]

From

From the Evening Poſt, July 4, 1723.

London, July 4. Yeſterday being the laſt Day of the Term, the Duke of Northfolk, the Lords North and Orrery, *&c.* appeared on their Recognizances.

They write from Cheſter, That about a Fourtnight ago the Reverend Mr Henchman, Schoolmaſter of that Place, diſcovered, in an old ruinous Building call'd the *Chapter-houſe*, the Body of Hugh Lupus, firſt Earl of Cheſter, who was Nephew to William the Conqueror, and came over with him at the Conqueſt. The Body was found to have Bones, that were very freſh, and in the right Poſition: And what is more remarkable, the String that ty'd the Ankles together, was whole and entire, altho' it is more than 630 odd Years ſince the Interrement of the Body.

There's Advice from Portmahon, That two Engliſh Men of War, with a large Quantity of Proviſions and Ammunition, are ſafely arrived there, after 5 Weeks Paſſage; and that the Garriſon, which had been augmented, live in perfect Amity with the Spaniards on that Side.

This Day at Noon, S. S. Stock was 102, 1 8th. Bank, 118, 1 4th. India, 134, 1 half. African Books ſhut. York Buildings, 9.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Weſel, July 2: 'Tis adviſed from Berlin, that the King of Pruſſia is return'd to Potſdam from Herenhauſen, and that his Majeſty deſigns to go before the End of next Month to the Frontiers of the Electorate of Brandenburg and Royal Pruſſia, to review his Troops on that Side, whoſe Number on that Side exceeds 50000 effective Men.

Vienna, June 26. This Court ſtill uſes Delays in granting the Inveſtiture of the Dutchies of Bremen and Vehrden. We are not alittle ſurprized that the Court of France ſeconds ſo vigorouſly the Efforts of the Dutch againſt the Eſtabliſhment of an India Company in the Auſtrian Netherlands, becauſe by the Barrier Treaty the French are not to concern themſelves about Matters of that Nature. 'Tis alſo ſuggeſted, that the Emperor Charles II. a little before his Death, granted a Licence for ſuch a Company, and that then no Notice was taken of it.

Copenhagen, July 3. Our Ships of War which lie ready in the Road, will ſoon be laid up, there being no Occaſion for putting to Sea this Year.

Hamburgh, July 6. Letters from Petersburg ſay, that a ſumptuous Equipage is getting ready there, for the young Czarowitz, who deſighs to travel to Foreign Countries.

London, July 4. Mr. Miſt, who was taken laſt Week into Cuſtody by one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, and afterwards examined at the Cockpit, in relation to his Journal of the 22d laſt Month, is ſince ſecured by the Lord Chief Juſtice Pratt's Tip-ſtaff, by virtue of an Eſcape Warrant.

From the Flying Poſt.

Rome, June 1. The Rains continue here with that Degree of Cold, that ſuch Weather has not been known at this Seaſon in the Memory of Man; and it not only ſpoils the Fruits, but makes us apprehenſive of fatal Diſtempers.

Paris, July 2. The noble Service of gilt Plate made here for the Pretender, was lately ſent him, under the Direction of two Engliſh Noblemen. Mr. de Capuchin was carried from the Baſtile to ſee the Seal taken off of his Effects; after which he was remitted to the Baſtile, with two Cart-loads of his Regiſters and other Papers. A Million and 800000 Livres in ready Specie was found in his Trunks.

Bruſſels, July 5. This Day the Directors of the New India Company, took Oaths to the Marquis de Prie; ſo that now we ſhall very ſoon know what Day the Company will open their Books to take in Subſcriptions.

London, July 4. We hear that the Project formed by the preſent Sheriffs for an *Uninterrupted Succeſſion*, will prove ineffectual.

From

From the Flying Post, July 6, 1723.

Florence, June 22. 'Tis ſaid that an Oath of Fidelity is to be adminiſtred to all the Miniſters, Privy Counſellors and Senators; by which they are to engage to ſide with no Party in the preſent Conjuncture, but to remain perfectly Neuter. A Gentleman is gone Poſt from the Pretender to Paris, about Affairs of the outmoſt Importance.

WISE's Letter verbatim, London, July 6th.

THEY write from *Paris*, That an Arret was publiſhed there the 9th Inſtant, prohibiting the Wearing and uſing of ſtain'd India Calicoes, either in Apparel or Furniture, old or new, under the Penalties eſtabliſhed in former Ordinances.

Yeſterday Morning the following Declaration was made by the Sheriffs at Guildhall, viz.

Gentlemen,

The Scrutiny demanded on the Poll laſt Tueſday for Sheriffs for the Year enſuing, being adjourned to this Day the Sheriffs for the Expediting the Scrutiny, had Books prepared for that Purpoſe, and on the ſame Day applyed to the Lord Mayor, to iſſue out his Proceſs to the Clerks of the ſeveral Companies of this City, to return the Liſts of the Livery-men, to enable them to proceed on the ſaid Scrutiny, which his Lordſhip abſolutely refuſed to comply with. So that no Examination could be made of the ſaid Poll by the cuſtomary Methods of the City, which reduced the Sheriffs to a Neceſſity to ſcrutiny the Poll themſelves in the beſt Manner they were able, and which, with indefatigable Pains, they have performed, and do thereupon find, that Sir John Williams, *and* Richard Lockwood *Eſq; were duely elected Sheriffs for this City and County of Middleſex, for the Year enſuing, by a Majority of legal Votes upon the Poll, and do therefore adhere to, and confirm their former Declaration.*

But that Afternoon at three a-clock, the Recorder came upon the Huſtings and made a long Speech, ſetting forth, That the Proceedings of the Sheriffs were arbitrary and partial, namely in refuſing the Poll-books to be ſealed up by ſome of the Aldermen, as well as themſelves, 2dly, denying to declare the Numbers, 3dly, not attending the Court of Aldermen when ſummoned; and laſtly in declaring the Minority in Oppoſition to the Majority: After which, he declared by Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, Sir John Hopkins and Felix Feaſt, Eſq; to be duely elected Sheriffs.

The following is a Copy of what the Sheriffs had prepared to have declared at 5 in the Afternoon, to the Common-Hall, had not the Lord Mayor diſſolved it in the Interim.

GEntlemen, we have Authority thus publickly to declare, That notwithſtanding the Sheriffs have made a juſt Declaration, yet to convince the Clamorous, that they are fairly elected and would on other Terms be introduced into the ſaid Office; they are ſtill ready, as they always were, to have the Election determined by a fair and impartial Scrutiny; if Sir Richard Hopkins and Mr. Feaſt are willing by proper Agreements to wave the Limitation of the Act of Common Council for determining Scrutinies on this Occaſion, and go thro' the ſame.

One would think this a very fair and juſt Propoſal for putting Things into ſuch a clear Light, as to give Satisfaction to both Parties, and to put an End to the Animoſities and Diſcontents which are come to a great Height, and which we wiſh may not be attended with ill Conſequences.

A Querie is put, as we are told, in certain Converſations, whether there was not a Refuſal upon a Declaration, made ſome time ago, for Aldermen of two Wards. of giving the Number of Voters.

This Week John Holt, Eſq; Nephew to the late Lord Chief Juſtice Holt, was married to the Lady Jean Wharton, Siſter to his Grace the Duke of that Name.

Yeſterday was held a Court of Admitality at the Old-bailie, when Philip Roch was try'd for running away with a French Ship from Ireland, and murdering the Crew, and condemn'd as was alſo Capt. Maſſey, for Piracy on the High Seas.

Some Letters from Bruſſels intimate, that the late Biſhop of Rochaſter has ſince his Arrival there, been viſited by the Lord Ailsbury and ſome others.

On the 5th Inſtant his Britannick Majeſty arrived at Pyrmont and the next Day began to drink the Waters. The Lords Carteret and Townſhend are alſo arrived there.

Sir John Williams of Hereford ſhire, is lately dead at the Bath; he was a Gentleman of that Character, as to make his Death very much lamented.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

There is to be Sold by *Patrick Crichton* Saddler, at the *Golden Cock*, a little above the Main Guard in *Edinburgh*, on the North-ſide of the Street:

SAddles and Furnitures of ſeveral Sorts. Fine London *Huming Saddles and Saddle-cloths. Gold and Silver Lace and Fringes: And Velvet for Houzes, Piſtol-bags and Foot-cloths, Houzes and Bags embroidered with Gold and Silver, and Gold and Silver Thread for Embroidery. And Piſtols. Braſs, and Iron, and Japan'd Locks for Chamber-doors, in Suits or ſingle. Cabinet, Cheſt, Preſs and Drawer Locks, of ſeveral Sorts. Fine Braſs and Iron Hinges, of ſeveral Sorts. Braſſes for Coaches. All Sorts of the neweſt Faſhion of Braſs Work, for Cabinets or Drawers. Caſt Iron Boxes for Coach or Cart-wheels. Whips of all Sorts, Spurs, Shot-bags, Gun-hammers and Screws. Fine Gun-powder, Lead Shot and Flint-ſtones. Wig-boxes, Table, Pocket, and Pen-knives, Raſoirs, Knives for cutting of Hay. Braſs Cocks and Braſs Knockers for Doors, and large Iron Locks for Outter Doors. Swords, and Sword-blades and Belts. Cheſs-tables and Men, and Playing Cards. Ink-holders, Foot, 2 Foot, and 3 Foot-rules, and Sliding-rules. Gunter Scales, Caſes for Mathematical Inſtruments. Ivory, Boxwood, and Horn Combs, Metal, or Mother of Pearl Buttons for Cloaths, Bells and Handles for Bells, Sealing Wax, Gums of ſeveral Sorts, Glue, Borax, Spelter, Pumice, Rotten Stone and Emery. Gold and Silver Books, Gold in Shells. Braſs Scales and Weights, and Beams for Scales; Shoe-buckles and Buttons for Sleeves. Buckles for Boots, Silk Strings for Watches and Canes and Silk Purſes. Caſes covered with Shagreen, for holding Knives, Forks and Spoons. All Sorts of Moulds for Candles, Glaſs Arms and Sockets for Sconces, Tops for Coach-horſes, and Jacks. Malt Mills of the beſt Sort, Box Smoothing-irons, Pullies and Cords for Saſh-windows, Screw and nailing Pullies of all Sorts, Tyles for Chamber-chimneys, Punch Laddles and Limon-ſqueezers, Waſh-balls, Taylors and Glovers Sheers, Ruſſia Leather, Red, Black and Brown Sheep-skins. All Sorts of Joyners and Carpenters Tools, Pit Saws, Croſs-cut and Fineering Saws. All Sorts of Shoemakers Tools. All Sorts of Files. All Sorts of Melting Pots, ſtanding Veiſes, Hand and Barber Veiſes, Choffin-diſhes. All Sorts of Braſs Nails. All Sorts of* Path-head *Nails, ſold by Wholeſale or Retail. And ſeveral other Sorts of Iron-mongers Goods. All Sorts of Goods for* Saddlers, *and all* Sorts *of* Saddles *to be Made or Mended.*

*** These are to give Notice, that upon the 29th Day of *July* next, in the Houſe of *Arthur Reid*, Vintner in *Edinburgh*, betwixt the Houts of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, There is to be expoſed to Sale by way of voluntar Roup, the Lands and Barony of *Tinwall*, with the Patronage of the Kirk of *Tinwall*, a large Manſion-houſe, Orchyards, Yards and other Pertinents, holding Blench of the Crown: As alſo the Lands of *Bruntskairth*, holding Feu of the Lord of the Erection. The ſaid Lands have a great deal of young Planting, Meadow, Mois, a good Stone-quarrie and other Conveniencies, and ly within 3 Miles of *Drumfries*. As alſo the Lodging in the *Covenant-Cloſe* in *Edinburgh*, lately poſſeſt by the deceas'd *William Alves*, Writer to the Signet. The Rental, Articles of Roup and Progreſs of Writes are to be ſeen at the Writing-Chamber of *Andrew Alves*, at *Don's-Cloſe-Head*, oppoſite to the *Luckenbooths*.

†‡† *That the Lands and Barony of* Lethom *and Pertinents thereof, with a good convenient Houſe, conſiſting of eleven Rooms, and Office-houſes thereto belonging, with the Yards and Orchards, conſiſting of near five Acres of Ground, not rented, and Incloſures about the ſame; lying three Miles below* Falkirk, *ſix Miles from* Stirling, *and two Miles from* Elphingſtoun, *within the Shire of* Stirling *and Paroch of* Airth: *Paying yearly* 84 *Bolls*, 3 *Firlots*, 2 *Pecks of Bear*; 223 *Bolls of Meal*; 14 *Bolls of Oats*, 21 *Bolls of Beans, and* 60 *Pounds of Money, and a good Number of Kain and Carriages. Are to be expoſed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon* Tueſday *the* 30 *Day of* July *Inſtant, in the Houſe of* Arthur Reid, *Vintner in* Edinburgh: *Betwixt the Hours of* 3 *and* 4 *Afternoon. The Rental of the Lands, and Conditions of Sale, with the Progreſs of the Writs, are to be ſeen in the Hands of* William Cunningham *of* Bandalloch, *at his Writing-chamber in the* Land-Market.

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THESE *are to give Notice upon the* 23*d Day of* July *Inſtant, at the Houſe of* Robert Brown *Vintner, at the* Spread Eagle, *in the* Land-market, *is to be expoſed to a publick Roup, the large Lodging, with a Flower Garden, and ſeveral other large Kitchen Gardens, down to the North* Loch, *with a Stable and Gardner's Houſe, and other Conveniencies which belonged to, and were poſſeſſed by the late Lord* Fountainhall, *a little below the Bowhead Well, North-ſide of the Street. The Conditions of the Roup, and Progreſs of the Rights, are to be ſeen at* John M'Comies *Chamber, in Deacon* Nimmo's *Houſe in* Kinloch's *Cloſe, South-ſide of the Street, oppoſite to* Carruber's *Land.*

†¦† *That there is a Lodging or Dwelling-houſe, with a Cellar and Garret belonging thereto, lying in the* Weſt-bow *of* Edinburgh, *lately poſſeſt by the Laird of* Harwood, *and an Dwelling Houſe and Cellar, lying in the Back of* Beſs-wynd, *lately poſſeſt by* James Allardice *Merchant in* Edinburgh, *and another Dwelling Houſe above the ſame, preſently poſſeſt by* John M'intoſh *Merchant there; all to be expoſed to Sale by a publick voluntary Roup, jointly or ſeverally, on the ſixteenth Day of July inſtant, betwix Three and Four Hours in the Afternoon, in the Houſe of* Patrick Herdman *Vintner in* Edinburgh: *The Conditions of the* Roup, *and Progreſs of the Rights, are to be ſeen at Mr.* William Wilſon *Writer to the Signet, his Writing Chamber, ſituat on the* South *Side of the Street of* Edinburgh, *a little below the Croſs.*

F †*† *That the Lands and Barony of* Auchinleck, *lying within the Parochin of* Monikie, *and Sheriffdom of* Forfar, *paying of yearly free Rent* 1060 *L.* 2 *ſh.* 6 *d.* Scots *of Money,* 30 *Bolls,* 3 *Pecks Bear; and* 57 *Bolls,* 3 *Firlots,* 1 *Peck Meal; with the Manſion Houſe, Orchards, Plantings and Incloſures; having a good Free-ſtone Quarrey, and good Moſs and Muir belonging thereto; with a good Pigeon-houſe, and* 46 1 *Half-dozen Poultry, and ſeveral other Conveniencies not rentall'd; all holding Blanch of the Crown: Are to be expoſed to Sale by voluntar Roup, upon the* 15*th Day of* Auguſt *next, in the Houſe of* Thomas Gentleman *Vintner in* Dundee. *The Progreſs of Writs and Rental, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be ſeen in the Hands of* James Johnſton *Writer in* Dundee.

By Order of the ordinary Managers of the Friendly-ſociety, in Terms of the original and additional Articles: Theſe are intimating to all the Contributers in the ſaid Society, That on Monday *the* 22*d.* July *inſtant, at* 4 *a Clock Afternoon, in* Mary's *Chapel in* Niddry's *Wynd* Edinburgh, *there is a General Meeting to be held of the whole Society, in order to the conſidering of certain* Propoſals, *tending to the Advantage and Benefit of the whole and Increaſe of the common Stock, which cannot be agreed to without a general Meeting; and therefor all concerned are deſired to be preſent.*

||*|| *Theſe are to advertiſe, That a Bark about* 27 Tun, *lying at the Harbour of* Dyſert, *is to be expoſed to Sale by a publick Roup, the* 16*th of* July *inſtant; the Inventar of Rigging,* &c. *is to be ſeen at* George Keddy's *Houſe Shore-maſter in* Dyſert: *As alſo a Chariot and two Coach Mares, are to be expoſed to Sale, at the ſame Time and Place.*

EDINBURGH:
Printed for Mr. *WILLIAM ROLLAND,* by *WILLIAM ADAMS* Jun. *Whoſe Printing-houſe is now remov'd from* Carrubber's *Cloſe, to* Craigforth's *Cloſe, firſt Door of the firſt Turnpike on the Left Hand: Oppoſite to the General Poſt-office, near the Tron-Church; where the* Caledonian Mercury *is to be had for the future.*